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1. PTO Fee Transmittal;
2. Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
4. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$210.00 to cover the 2 month extension of time fee; and
5. One (1) return postcard.

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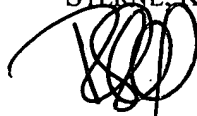
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